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Leak in Warlick Drive sewage spill to be repaired tonight

Permanent repairs to fix the leak in the force main sewage line near the end of Warlick Drive will be made tonight. Today, crews found a 2-3 inch hole in the pipe that is causing the leak. The hole had been previously repaired 10-14 years ago.

City crews found the sewage spilling into Hewlett's Creek, just off of Warlick Drive, on Saturday morning. City crews had repeatedly searched the area after neighbors reported a foul odor. The pipe is part of the Northeast Interceptor, which carries waste water from eastern Wilmington, New Hanover County, and Wrightsville Beach to the City's Southside waste water treatment plant.

City crews stopped the leak last night by diverting the spill back into the system via a manhole. A contractor for the city began making the permanent repair this morning. Today at 5 p.m., the city will stop the waste water flowing into the pipe for approximately 1.5 hours so a repair sleeve can be put on. The repair will not impact waste water services.

As a precaution, the city recommends that citizens not come into contact with the water. Road signs have been posted in the area and fliers distributed to homes on Warlick Drive.

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